(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government against such medical practitioners ?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is subjudice.

Disparity in benefits on Family Planning

2449. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the disparity in the benefits given to the persons who have undergone family planning operation from urban areas and the rural areas;

(b) the total amount spent on such incentives on benefits in the urban areas and in the rural areas; and

(c) whether Government propose to remove such disparities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) Under the existing scheme of cash compensation for sterilisation/IUD insertions, the Government of India pays to the States/UTs a sum of Rs. 200/180/12 for each cash of Vesectomy/Tubectomy/IUD insertions. Out of the Rs.. 200/180 for each case of Vasectomy/Tubectomy, the acceptors gets Rs. 100 irrespective of the fact whether he/she belongs to urban areas or rural areas. There is absolutely no discrimination on this score.

An amount of Rs. 100 crores is allocated to the States/UTs for this purpose annually. Out of this, approximately Rs. 50 crores gets distributed to the acceptors of sterilisation/IUD insertions.

Contaminated and Substandard Glucose Bottles

2450. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Drugs Laboratory had declared 30,000 bottles of glucose as highly contaminated and substandard;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same glucose bottles had earlier been declared as of standard quality by the Drugs Controller of Delhi and the Drugs Controller of India;

(c) if so, the reasons for the contradictory pronouncements in respect of "OSLERS" case; and

(d) whether I. V. Fluids are classified as "LIFE SAVING DRUGS" and presance of contaminants/fungus in I. V. Fluids can cause fatal reactions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTH) : (a) On the basis of the request of Central Bureau of Investigation, the Central Drugs Inspector, North Zone, randomly drew samples of 20 batches and sent them to the Central Drugs Laboratory for test and analysis. Out of these samples, 14 were found not of standard quality for the reason that they contained fungus; one failed in Pyrogen test and the remaining 5 were declared to be to standard quality.

(b) Earlier, the Drugs Controller, Delhi Administration, had taken samples of 11 batches of I.V. Fluids from the premises of M/s. Eskay Pharmaceutical, New Delhi. These samples on analysis, were declared to be of standard quality by the Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.

(c) Samples of different batches of I.V. Fluids were taken for test separately and at different time by the Inspectors of Delhi Administration and the Central Government. Further, the analysis of samples was done by two different loboratories whose reports were independent of each other.

(d) I. V. Fluids are generally used in serious clinical conditions. There is statutory caution on the label that I. V. Fluids should be checked visually before use and not to use any I. V. Fluids containing contaminants/fungus.

तेल टैंकरों को भारी भुगतान किए जाने के कारण घाटा

2451. **श्री वीरेन जे० शाह :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 24 नवम्बर, 1992 के "स्टेट्समैन" में "गवर्नमेंट लूजिंग हेविली आन पेमेन्ट्स टू आयल टैंकर्स" शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि विदेशों से कच्चा तेल भारत में लाने के लिए दिया जाने वाला भाड़ा सामान्यतया बाजार भाव से अधिक दिया जा रहा है ; यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में दिये जा रहे अधिक भाड़े की राशि कितनी है ;

(ग) भाड़े की दरों को सामान्य स्तर पर लाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री वी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (घ) भारतीय क्रूड परिवहनकर्त्ता इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की वर्तमान नीति के अनुरूप लागत प्लस आधार पर लगाए जाते हैं और इसलिए किसी प्रकार की क्षति का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Exploration of Natural Gas in Bihar

2452. SHRI ASHIS SEN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total allocation in the Eighth Five Year Plan for Bihar to explore natural gas; and

(b) whether Purnea is a potential area for natural gas ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARNAND) : (a) About Rs. 16 crores have been earmarked for seismic surveys besides the cost of drilling the well at Kadmaha.

(b) No reserves of hydrocarbons have been established in Purnea so far.

Additional Gas to Fertilizer Plants at Jagdishpur & Aonla (U.P.)

2453.. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

by when the gas based fertilizer plants at Jagdishpur and aonla in Uttar Pradesh are likely to be allocated additional gas so as to enable them to double their capacities as planned ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

While additional allocation has already been made to IFFCO, Aonla, no such allocation of gas for Indo-Gulf, Jagdishpur could be made on account of non-availability.

L.P.G. Connections

2454. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that orders are delayed for issue of new L.P.G. connections on the recommendations of the Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any new proposal is under Government's consideration for sanction of L.P.G. agencies; if so, the details thereof;